

### REMARKS

The replacement abstract of the disclosure of the present application is responsive to the Office communication mailed on November 23, 2004. Claims 1-43 are pending in this application.

#### Discussion of the Office Communication

In the Office Communication of November 23, 2004, the Examiner requested a rewritten abstract on a separate sheet with a proper heading as required under MPEP § 608.01(b) and 37 CFR §1.72(b).

#### Discussion of the replacement abstract

In light of the replacement abstract, which conforms to the requirements of 37 CFR §1.72(b), such an issue is deemed moot.

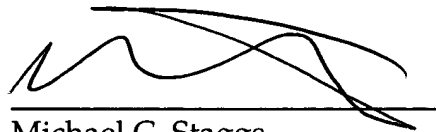
### RECONSIDERATION

The undersigned respectfully submits that, in view of Applicant's replacement abstract of the disclosure, the informality raised in the Office communication dated November 23, 2004 has been fully addressed and overcome and the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

In the event that the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of the claims of the above captioned application that can be clarified with a telephone conference, he is respectfully requested to initiate the same with the undersigned at (925) 422-3682.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael C. Staggs', written over a horizontal line.

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